

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0011] on page 4 of the specification as follows:

The present invention has been conceived in light of these circumstances, and allows the relative layout of data recorded on a data recording medium, such as an optical disk, to be maintained on the data recording medium without ~~having to~~ requiring a user to perform burdensome ~~operation~~ operations.

Please amend paragraph [0023] on pages 9-10 of the specification as follows:

In addition, according to the present invention, the relative layout of data recorded on a data recording medium can be maintained on the data recording medium without ~~having to~~ requiring a user to perform burdensome ~~operation~~ operations.